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AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS

Claim 1 (currently amended): A hanging chain structure, comprising a plurality of hanging rings connected with each other, each of the hanging rings including a hook body, and a stop member pivotally mounted on the hook body, wherein:

the hook body of each of the hanging rings has a first end formed with a pivot seat and a second end formed with a locking block, the locking block of the hook body is formed with a locking recess; [[and]]

the stop member of each of the hanging rings has a first end pivotally mounted on the pivot seat of the hook body and a second end provided with a retaining pin inserted into and locked in the locking recess of the locking block of the hook body;

the pivot seat of the hook body of each of the hanging rings has a periphery formed with a limiting notch;

the first end of the stop member of each of the hanging rings is formed with a receiving recess for receiving the pivot seat of the hook body;

the stop member of each of the hanging rings has an inside having a mediate portion formed with a cylindrical receiving chamber extended to and communicated with the receiving recess;

each of the hanging rings further includes a cylindrical elastic plate mounted in the receiving chamber of the stop member and having a distal end extended into and locked in the limiting notch of the pivot seat, and a spring mounted in the receiving chamber of the stop member and having a first end urged on a wall of the receiving chamber of the stop member and a second end urged on the elastic plate.

Claim 2 (original): The hanging chain structure in accordance with claim 1, wherein the hook body of each of the hanging rings is substantially C-shaped.

Claim 3 (original): The hanging chain structure in accordance with claim 1, wherein the stop member of each of the hanging rings is substantially rod-shaped.

Claim 4 (original): The hanging chain structure in accordance with claim 1, wherein the pivot seat of the hook body is formed with a pivot hole, the first end of the stop member is

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formed with a passage hole aligning with the pivot hole of the pivot seat, and each of the hanging rings further includes a pivot pin extended through the passage hole of the stop member and the pivot hole of the pivot seat, so that the first end of the stop member is pivotally mounted on the pivot seat of the hook body.

Claim 5 (canceled)

Claim 6 (original): The hanging chain structure in accordance with claim 1, wherein the second end of the stop member is formed with a passage hole for passage of the retaining pin.

Claim 7 (currently amended): The hanging chain structure in accordance with claim 1, wherein the locking block of the hook body has two opposite flattened faces, the second end of the stop member is formed with a receiving recess for receiving the locking block of the hook body when the retaining pin is inserted into the locking recess of the locking block, and the receiving recess of the second end of the stop member has two opposite flattened faces rested on the opposite flattened faces of the locking block of the hook body.

Claim 8 (canceled)